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TAGS: PHUM, CH  
SUBJECT: WEI JINGSHENG -- AMBASSADOR WEIGHS IN WITH MFA

REF: BEIJING 10637 (AND PREVIOUS)

1. - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY: THE AMBASSADOR EXPRESSED DEEP CONCERN OVER  
THE CASE OF NOTED DISSIDENT WEI JINGSHENG IN A  
CONVERSATION WITH MFA DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR MA ZHENGANG ON

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APRIL 7. NOTING THAT THE LACK OF TRANSPARENCY IN THE CASE  
WAS HEIGHTENING WIDESPREAD INTERNATIONAL CONCERN, THE  
AMBASSADOR CALLED FOR THE RELEASE OF WEI AND HIS  
SECRETARY.

END SUMMARY.

3. THE AMBASSADOR EXPRESSED DEEP CONCERN OVER THE CHINESE  
GOVERNMENT'S CONTINUING DETENTION OF NOTED DISSIDENT WEI  
JINGSHENG, DURING AN APRIL 7 MEETING WITH MFA AMERICAN AND  
OCEANIAN DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR MA ZHENGANG (OTHER MATTERS  
DISCUSSED ARE COVERED IN SEPTELS). EMPHASIZING THAT HE IN  
NO WAY INTENDED TO INTERFERE IN CHINA'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS,  
THE AMBASSADOR SOUGHT TO INFORM MA OF THE GREAT CONCERN OF  
THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IN WEI'S STATUS. HE SAID THAT

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CHINESE LACK OF TRANSPARENCY IN RELEASING INFORMATION ABOUT WEI'S STATUS, WHEREABOUTS, AND POSSIBLE CHARGES WERE CREATING A VERY NEGATIVE IMPRESSION IN THE UNITED STATES AND ELSEWHERE. WEI IS WIDELY SEEN AS AN INDIVIDUAL BEING HARASSED FOR MERELY EXPRESSING HIS VIEWPOINTS, THE AMBASSADOR REMINDED MA, AND THE FACT THAT CHINESE AUTHORITIES ARE RELUCTANT TO RELEASE INFORMATION ON THE CASE REINFORCES THIS VIEW. IF WEI WAS FACING OTHER CHARGES, IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT THESE BE MADE KNOWN.

4. THE AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER HAD A PERSONAL INTEREST IN WEI'S CASE, AS WEI WAS ONE OF THE DISSIDENTS DETAINED AROUND THE TIME OF HIS MARCH VISIT. HE ALSO CALLED FOR WEI'S RELEASE AND THE RELEASE OF WEI'S SECRETARY, TONG YI, WHO WAS ALSO REPORTED TO BE UNDER DETENTION.

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